



STATIC CONTROL COMPONENTS, Inc.

September 23, 2004

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RE: Multi Level Seal  
Invention of Jetara McIver, et al.  
Application Number 10/605,813

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find:

1. Return Postcard
2. Cover Letter
3. Comments on Statement for Reasons for Allowance
4. Part "B" Fee(s) Transmittal
5. Change of Correspondence Address
6. Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b)
7. Assignment of Invention (copy)
8. Formal Drawings (3 pages)

Please confirm receipt of the above documents by stamping the enclosed self-addressed, postage paid postcard and returning it to me for my file. Also, please substitute the attached formal drawings for the drawings previously submitted. Thank you in advance.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: McIver, et al.  
Serial No.: 10/605,813  
Filed: October 29, 2003  
For: Multi-Level Seal  
Group: 2852  
Examiner: Chen, Sophia S.

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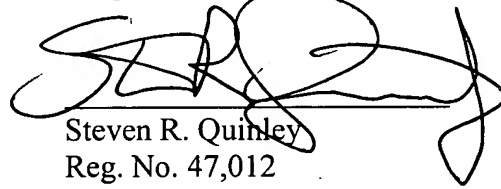
Comments on Statement for Reasons for Allowance

Sir:

The following comments are made with respect to the reasons for allowance indicated by the Examiner in the above case. As stated by the MPEP in Section 1302.14, “[w]here specific reasons are recorded by the examiner, care must be taken to ensure that statements of reason for allowance...do not place unwarranted interpretations, whether broad or narrow, upon the claims.” Further, the “statement is not intended to necessarily state all the reasons for allowance or all the details why claims are allowed and should not be written to specifically or implicitly state that all the reasons for allowance are set forth.”

Under 35 U.S.C. §103, it is mandated that claims be considered as a whole. When considered as a whole, it will be seen that the Examiner has appropriately focused upon particular reasons for allowance and not all the reasons for allowance. While in light of Section 1302.14, Applicants do not believe that the Examiner's statement can or should be misconstrued as being intended to identify the sole reasons for allowance, Applicants do not acquiesce in such a conclusion as there are multiple reasons for allowance of all of the claims. The reasons addressed are clearly exemplary and not exhaustive.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. R. Quinley', is written over a horizontal line.

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